

REMARKS


The first preliminary amendment canceled claims 3-13, and this second preliminary amendment places the specification in better conformance with standard U.S. practice and adds new claims 14-31, which recite the limitations stated in canceled claims 3-13. No new matter was added.

After entry of this second preliminary amendment, claims 1, 2 and 14-31 are pending. Thus, the pending claims include twenty claims in total, three independent, and no multiple dependent.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of claims 1, 2 and 14-31.

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